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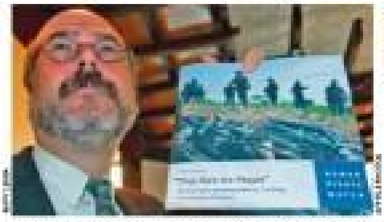
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SPECIAL DAY IN THE PARK Members of a Muslim family enjoy breakfast together on the Quirino Grandstand grounds at Rizal Park on Tuesday to celebrate Eid'l Adha or feast of sacrifice, one of two most important religious celebrations for Muslims all over the world. The other is Eid'l Fitr, the end of Ramadan.

GMA 'aided' Ampatuans

NY rights body says clan linked to 50 other abuses, urges Noy to probe



IMPUNITY James Ross presents report indicting the gov't in the reign of terror of the Ampatuan clan in Maguindanao, particularly in the last 8 years.



FATHER AND SONS (From left) NBI agents escorting prime suspect Andal Ampatuan Jr. to a court hearing; former Maguindanao Gov. Andal Ampatuan Sr., the clan patriarch; former ARMM Gov. Zaldy Ampatuan.

By Cynthia D. Balana

MILITIA forces were greatly strengthened under the watch of then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo through the sale of military weapons to local officials and other forms of support, with the Maguindanao massacre as prime example of the government's inability to investigate the resulting atrocities.

This was the verdict of the New York-based Human Rights Watch (HRW) in a 96-page report titled "They Own the People: The Ampatuans, State-backed Militias, and Killings in Southern Philippines," which was launched yesterday in Quezon City.

It examined 50 more incidents of killings, sexual assaults, torture and abductions in Mindanao implicating the Ampatuans, whose "rise and expansion," it said, were "aided" by then President Arroyo.

One year after the massacre of 57 people, including at least 30 media workers, in Maguindanao, the government has failed to "seriously investigate atrocities by powerful ruling

GMA/A6

Margarito: Pacquiao world's best

LOS ANGELES—From his hospital bed in Dallas, Antonio Margarito offered his congratulations to Manny Pacquiao on Monday, two days after taking a severe pounding during his lopsided defeat to the Filipino superstar in Arlington, Texas, at the weekend.

Margarito is scheduled to have surgery on Tuesday to repair a fractured right eye socket after Pacquiao delivered such a lopsided beating that the Mexican's eyes were swelled shut and his face was bruised and bloodied.

MARGARITO/A12

NUMBER CODING

Gov't gets tough on bus firms

By Tina G. Santos, Norman Bordadora and Paolo G. Montecillo

BUSES with plate numbers ending in 5 and 6 had better get off the streets today or face the possibility of their franchises being revoked.

But striking operators remained adamantly against the imposition by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) of the number-coding scheme that would give buses a one-day break and thereby reduce the volume of buses on the road by 20 percent.

"Our operations will not normalize until this coding is lifted," said Grace Adducul, spokesperson for the operators. She said that the government did not have the capacity to fill commuters' needs even with buses getting a day off.

The MMDA yesterday announced it would pursue its traffic-reduction program de-

GOV'T/A12

'No President keen on helping Marcos victims'

By Minerva Rosa
Contributor

NEW YORK—Robert A. Swift met with every post-Marcos Philippine president, except Benigno Aquino III, in connection with the cases he was litigating for the compensation of victims of the Marcos regime.

Mild curiosity was the best he could get. "Mrs. Corazon Aquino asked about the case," Swift said, "because her husband's driver had been among those harmed."

The worst was hostility from then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. "No president thus

NO PRESIDENT/A6

After Hanoi, NY, P-Noy needs defining vision

By Winston A. Marbella
Contributor

(Second of two parts)

COMMENTARY

UNGUARDED moments are particularly revealing precisely because they are unguarded. Two such moments occurred overseas. One involved a subaltern, the other President Aquino himself.

A presidential speechwriter, part of the official entourage to Vietnam, made headlines with a reckless tweet to her boss that the wine served in an official function "sucks."

She has since apologized for the tart tweet and deleted it, but not before she could erase earlier tweets that she was having a hard time finding good-looking men in Vietnam.

P-NOY/A17

Drug-related cases clogging nation's courts

By Nikko Dizon

DRUG-RELATED cases are clogging the dockets of the country's courts and, as a result, jails are filled with drug suspects, court officials said yesterday.

Former Supreme Court Associate Justice Adolf Azcuna said that more than half of the criminal cases being tried by the

DRUG-RELATED/A11



From 'Wow' to 'Pilipinas Kay Ganda'

By Jocelyn R. Uy

FROM THE generic "Wow" to the hard-sell "Kay Ganda."

The Philippines, known the world over for its tropical charm, spectacular beaches and smiling people, has a new brand coined in the native tongue: "Pilipinas Kay Ganda" (So beautiful)!

"The brand that you are about to see is relevant, distinctive and be-

FROM 'WOW'/A17

Top botanist killed in crossfire



LEONARDO L. CO always carried a bag to collect and preserve plants anywhere he went.

By Elvie Roa and Joey Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas

ORMOC CITY—One of the country's top botanists and two of his companions were killed in a reported crossfire during an encounter between the military and communist rebels in a forested area in Baras[illegible], Leyte, on Monday.

Leonardo L. Co, 56, a specialist in plant taxonomy and ethnobotany who was serving as biodiversity consultant of

TOP BOTANIST/A11

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'No confession, no amnesty'

Rebel soldiers must admit guilt, says solon

REBEL soldiers and their civilian supporters involved in the 2003 Oakwood mutiny, 2006 Marine stand-off and 2007 Manila Peninsula siege will first have to admit that they are guilty before they can qualify for amnesty, according to Iloilo Rep. Niel Tupas Jr.

Application requirement

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DepEd chief readies response to Miriam's wrath

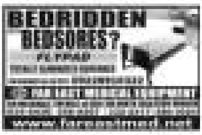
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Militants lament lack of progress on Luisita

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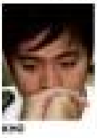


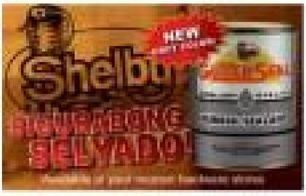




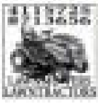


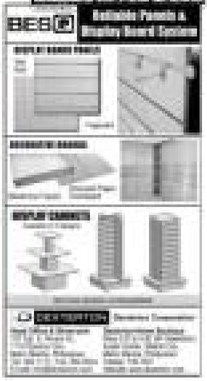
Let's not forget what Hayden did











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The Daily Gospel





Verdict on 'trial of the century' seen within Aquino's term

3 trial days a week

More focused, aggressive

Priority

GMA 'aided' Ampatuans; Noy urged to probe 50 other abuses



Continued suffering

No action from Arroyo

Part of the problem

'No President interested in justice for Marcos victims'



MARCOS Legacy of endless litigation



AQUINO Mild curiosity



RAMOS Not much help



ESTRADA Not much interest



ARROYO Hostile

Protests over fees

Settlement fund

First collection

Lead plaintiffs

Bone of contention

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Comedian

Archuleta back in town

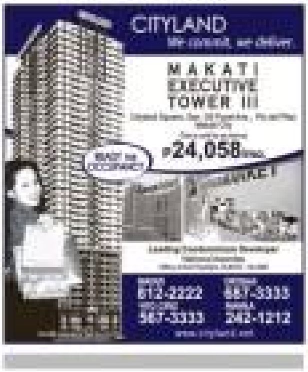
AMERICAN Idol alumnus David Archuleta is back in town.

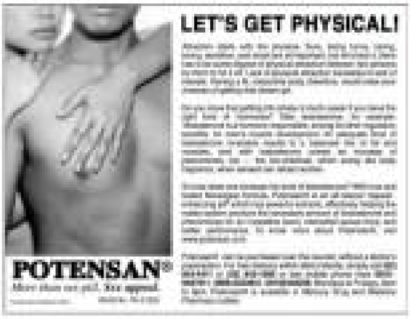
The baby-faced crooner arrived in Manila yesterday to promote his sophomore album, "The Other Side of Down."

Archuleta, runner-up in the seventh season of the popular star search, arrived aboard Philippine Airlines flight 102 from Singapore.

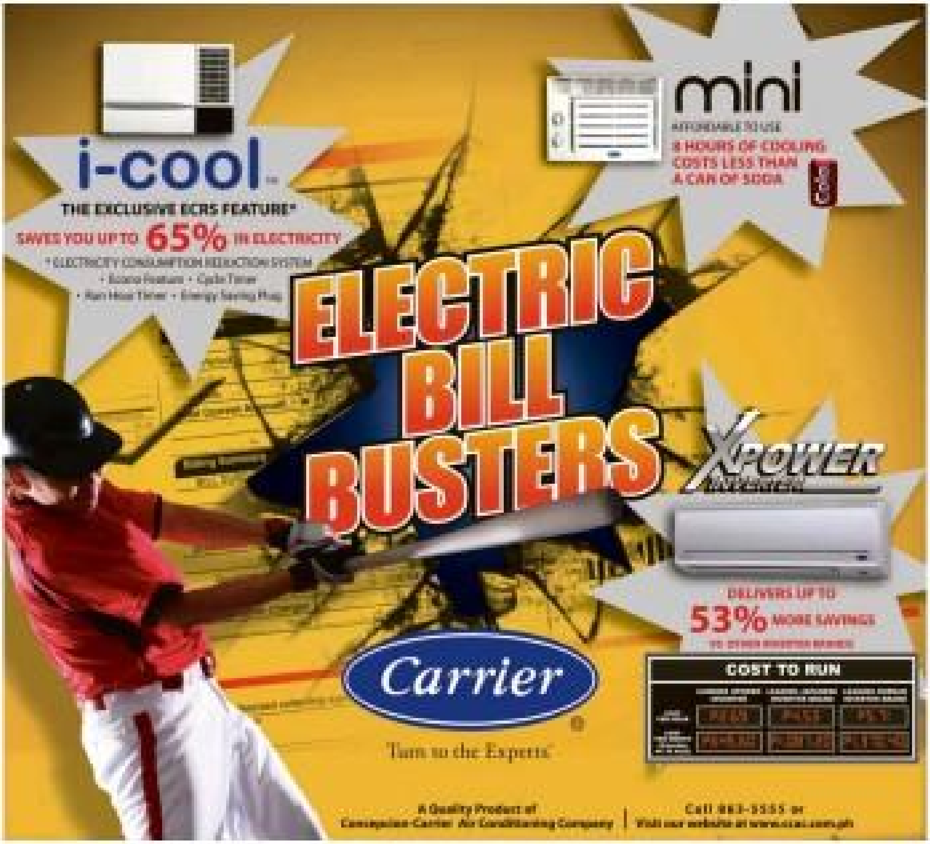
Smiling, he waved to a group of about 30 fans, clad in jeans and a white shirt with a [illegible] design.

It is Archuleta's second visit to Manila. He headlined a concert last year with Season 7 champ David Cook.









Across the NATION

Al-Khobar owns up another bombing

Monday attack on terminal kills teener, hurts 2





CARMEN, North Cotabato—A terror-backed crime group has owned up to another bomb attack on a public transport terminal here that left one person dead and two others wounded on Monday.

Tuguegarao mayor shot, wounded in murder try


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Boracay tourism defies alert

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COA: P44M spent without plans

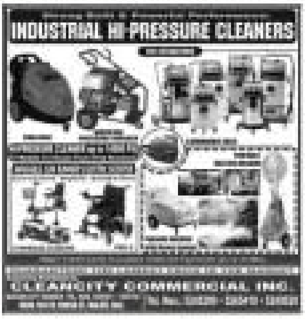
Compliance

No program of work

Block room empty

"Audit and verification showed that the transactions were not supported by the corresponding program of work..."





Abolish Pangasinan flood control body, board member asks



DENR to investigate Iloilo coal plant anew

Greenpeace ship to dock in GenSan vs coal plant



Prosecutors start probe of 1st torture case under Noy

Pollution main cause of fish kill in Lake Bubi, says BFAR

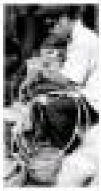


INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Regaining self-esteem among indigenous peoples







Culture as capital

Overcoming inferiority

Empowerment



BULAYO with his lamps

Bulayo's illumination

Margarito: Pacquiao is world's best fighter



PACQUIAO: I feel for my opponent, his eyes and bloody face. I wasn't looking for a knockout.



ANTONIO MARGARITO endures a brutal beating by the world's pound-for-pound king.

'Banged up pretty bad'

No quitting

'I feel for my opponent'

Gov't gets tough against striking bus firms for refusing to serve public

Disservice

Just miscommunication

New franchises

Top botanist killed in crossfire between gov't soldiers and NPA rebs

'Too unfortunate'

State of shock

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Special drug courts

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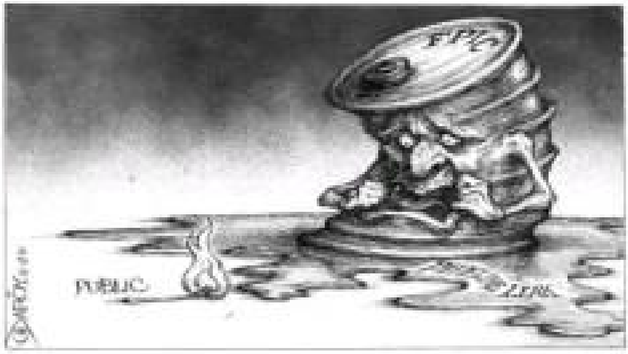

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PAL to pursue 'anti-worker' policies with people's money





From ‘Wow’ it’s now ‘Pilipinas Kay Ganda’



BRANDING Tourism Secretary Alberto Lim, Vice President Jejomar Binay and Tourism Undersecretary Vicente Romano III after a toast during the launch of the new Philippine brand "Pilipinas Kay Ganda." The new brand replaces "Wow Philippines."

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Best qualities

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Hospitality top drawer

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Ricky Reyes

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Resistance expected

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P-Noy needs defining vision to inspire

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Intuitive sense

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Leader’s task

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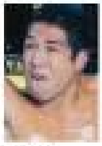
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PH quartet seventh in 4x100 free relay final

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Rivera: When agony pays a golden dividend



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PH cagers lose Japeth to injury



KNEE injury sidelines Smart Gilas power forward Japeth Aguilar.

By June Navarro

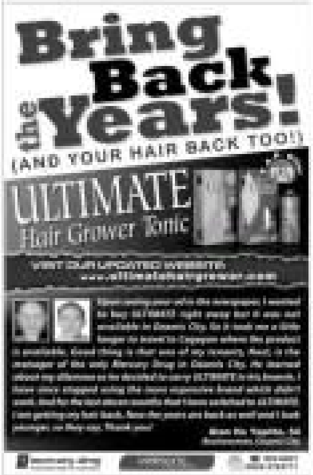


Recruitment continues

Teen skaters bag 17 golds in MOA tilt

Cycling legends get own National Open division





Once in a lifetime

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'Bakbakan' lures 100 entries



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VICENTE Fabella, the founder of Jose Rizal University in Mandaluyong City, was the first Filipino certified public accountant.
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Police identify 3 men in mall heist



BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY
A couple relax under a tree lit up by Christmas lights at Freedom Park in Marikina City.

NCRPO: Follow-up operation ongoing

By Mike Morales and Dona Z. Pazzibugan

AUTHORITIES have identified the three robbers who pulled off a heist on a jewelry store at SM Bicutan in Parañaque City, including the one who hurled a grenade which exploded and injured five people, among them a 3-year-old girl.

They were identified as Ezekiel Mosiman, 29, a native of Tacurong City, Sultan Kudarat; and two others known only as Ryan and Marlon.

Ryan and Marlon were identified through artist sketches which were compared with the images captured by security cameras.

Police said the three men barged inside the Ever China Jewelry Store (not China Jewelry Store as earlier reported) located on the third floor of the mall on Sunday evening.

They then used hammers which they had bought at a nearby hardware store to break the glass display cases which contained jewelry.

When they started smashing cabinets, one of them lobbed a grenade which fell to the ground floor.

It went off and injured five people, including a child. Fortunately, the five suffered only minor wounds and were allowed to leave the hospital after they received treatment.

Chief Supt. Nicanor Bartolome, director of the National Capital Region Police Office, at first declined to confirm the identities of the robbers for fear of jeopardizing follow-up operations.

The names had come from a reliable police source who had asked not to be identified for lack of authority to speak to media.

Bartolome, however, later said that Ryan was the one who lobbed the grenade.

"This Ryan did not enter the [jewelry] store and was [standing] outside while the [robbery] was happening," he said in a phone interview.

He added that the three were also the ones who carried out another robbery at the same mall last April.

Ryan and Marlon were able to escape but Mosiman was arrested although he was later allowed to post bail, Bartolome said.

He added, "That was their style then, [they] used hammers to smash display cases."

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Court orders revision of votes in San Lorenzo

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The WORLD

Editor: Lorenzo B. Ziálcita

Building collapse in New Delhi kills 65

NEW DELHI—Rescuers hammered slabs of concrete and dug with their hands on Tuesday to pull survivors and bodies from a five-story apartment building that collapsed into a mountain of rubble in a poor New Delhi neighborhood. At least 65 people were killed and scores injured.

The 15-year-old building housing hundreds of people—mostly migrant workers and their families—collapsed on Monday evening in New Delhi's congested Lalita Park area, where emergency efforts were hampered because vehicles had difficulty navigating its narrow alleyways.

"The scale of the tragedy is unprecedented," New Delhi's top elected official, Sheila Dikshit, said as she toured the site.

Residents said they heard a rumble like thunder as the building collapsed upon itself. Then they sprinted to the site.

"There was nothing left, only people helping each other. There were so many dead bodies, there was no movement at all," said Dil Nawaz Ahmed, a 25-year-old journalist who lives nearby.

Ahmed dug into the piles of concrete, bricks and mortar with other volunteers and managed to help free five injured residents. But he mainly pulled out bodies, which he carried to waiting ambulances several buildings away.

M.D. Shahnawaz, a 22-year-old student, wept as his hopes of finding a friend who lived in the building dwindled. "He's dead," he said. "Everybody is coming out (of the rubble) dead."

Cause of collapse

The cause of the collapse was not immediately clear. One official said the building may have been weakened by water damage following monsoon rains, while residents said the landlord was illegally constructing an additional floor on the building.

Officials ordered the evacuation of at least one other nearby building that they feared could collapse too, Dikshit said. It also had a flooded basement.

Police said they had filed charges against Amrit Singh, the owner of the building, and launched a search for him. Residents said Singh fled the area right after the building collapsed.

Local volunteers digging for survivors with their bare hands eventually were joined by police and firefighters, who used jackhammers to cut through the iron rods jutting from the wreckage. Police brought in sniffer dogs to locate people trapped under the debris.

Many rescuers were still working with sledgehammers and their hands on Tuesday to remove the rubble stone by stone and pull out bodies as neighbors watched from nearby rooftops.



RESCUERS dig for survivors under the rubble of a collapsed five-story apartment in New Delhi on Monday evening. AP PHOTO

Respect for dead

When workers carried a body away from the site on a stretcher, nearby rescuers stopped what they were doing and clasped their hands together in respect for the dead.

At one point, the rescuers uncovered the body of a small child.

One woman whose granddaughter was killed wailed in grief from a nearby roof.

By Tuesday afternoon, at least 65 bodies were recovered and another 80 people were injured, according to a city police official, Mohammed Akhlaq.

Lalita Park is a congested neighborhood near the banks of the Yamuna River that houses some of the millions of impoverished workers who stream into New Delhi from rural villages hoping to get jobs in the growing Indian capital.

"A huge number of people come to Delhi in search of jobs. This was cheap accommodation for a lot of them," said Deep Mathur, a city official.

Poor construction

Poor construction material and inadequate foundations are often blamed for building collapses in India. In New Delhi, where land is at a premium, unscrupulous builders often break building laws to add additional floors to existing structures.

Dikshit blamed the builder for the poor construction and maintenance of the building and said the government would probe whether he had the necessary permits to add floors.

The building—like its twin next door, which was evacuated by police—was constructed of crude brick masonry with splintered wooden window frames in a neighborhood of mainly narrow streets. AP

4 held in deadly China fire

SHANGHAI—Police detained four unlicensed welders on Tuesday on suspicion they accidentally started a fire that engulfed a high-rise apartment building under renovation in China's business capital, killing at least 53 people, as public anger grew over the government's handling of the disaster.

A preliminary investigation showed that four welders improperly operated their equipment, setting off Monday's fire in Shanghai, the city government and state television reported.

Witnesses and building residents spotted welders by some scaffolding and the blaze began when building materials caught fire. It then spread quickly to scaffolding covering the 28-story building, which houses a number of retired teachers as well as other families.

In addition to the 53 fatalities, the city government said that more than 70 other people had been rushed to hospitals. Deputy Mayor Shen Jun said 17 were in critical condition.

"The accident was caused by unlicensed welders improperly operating their equipment. Four suspects have been placed in criminal detention by the police," the city said on its website.

Frustration grew on Tuesday among relatives seeking answers to how such a tragedy could happen in Shanghai, a wealthy city that is one of the country's best-run urban centers.

"It is hard to believe the government now. The drills on TV are successful, but when a fire truly happens, it's just useless. We feel helpless," said a woman named Liu, whose mother lived on the ninth floor of the building and died in the fire.

"There must be something illegal in the construction materials, though we don't know. I am waiting for the government's explanation," Liu said. The renovations were intended to improve the building's energy efficiency.

At one temporary facility for residents of the building, one middle-aged man was shouting that he was being stopped from going to a funeral home to identify his wife.

"I couldn't sleep last night, and I have been waiting hours and hours. Why don't they tell me the truth, why don't they let me go?" said the man, who refused to give his name.

The fire dominated Shanghai's skyline before it was put out after more than four hours, with black smoke billowing through the sky. The government said more than 100 fire trucks battled the blaze.

Survivors were taken to nine Shanghai hospitals, where there were sad scenes as relatives searched for their loved ones.

At Jing'an Hospital, the father of Wang Nanling, a 38-year-old woman who lived on the 22nd floor, searched a list of survivors but could not find his daughter's name.



A MAN uses his mobile phone to take a photo of a 28-story building in Shanghai, which caught fire that left at least 53 people dead. AP

"She called her husband and said: 'It's on fire! I have escaped from the 22nd floor to the 24th floor,' but then the phone got cut off," the father, Wang Dihong, 65, said with tears in his eyes. "That was the last we heard from her."

An unidentified woman told Shanghai television her only option was to climb down the scaffolding. "If I jumped, I would die. If I stayed (in the building) I would die," she said.

Public Security Minister Meng Jianzhu, China's top policeman, called for an investigation into the cause of the fire.

Shanghai Fire Chief Chen Fei said a news conference that the fire started on the 10th floor and then spread quickly because the scaffolding was made of bamboo and was covered with flammable nylon nets.

"That made the fire quickly spread in vertical directions and nearby areas, forming a large-scale fire in a very short time," Chen said.

The official Xinhua News Agency quoted local residents as saying the building was built in the 1990s and housed mainly teachers from several schools in Jing'an District, many of them retirees.

Shanghai, a city of 20 million and the venue of the recently concluded World Expo, has witnessed a construction frenzy in recent years, ranging from high-rises that dot its skyline to new subway lines, highways and airport upgrades. But unsafe building work remains a chronic problem in China. AP

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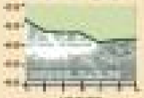
Local conglomerate steps up efforts on 'clean energy'

CONGLOMERATE AYALA Corp. said yesterday that its wholly owned subsidiary has formed a joint venture company with Mitsubishi Corp. of Japan for the development of solar power projects in the Philippines.

INDICATORS

PESO-DOLLAR RATE

43.700



STOCK MARKET

62.64



Stocks seen to rise

LOCAL STOCKS are seen trading higher with the help of bargain-hunters when the local market reopens after a one-day holiday.

Yield on 91-day T-bills seen sinking below 1%

THE YIELD on the benchmark 91-day treasury bills could sink below one percent following moves by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to arrest the appreciation of the peso against the dollar, a bank official said.



DMCI HOMES CREATING EXCELLENT LIVING SPACES



ROSEWOOD POINTE
Taguig City



ALFREDO R. AUSTRIA, DMCI Homes President

Fifteen years from now, it would be nice to meet somebody who grew up in one of DMCI Homes' developments and say **"I became a better person because of DMCI"**, shares the company's President Alfredo Austria. Such is the vision of DMCI Homes – properties that give more than just the basic need of shelter, but also a place where communities can nurture a healthy culture of camaraderie and goodwill.

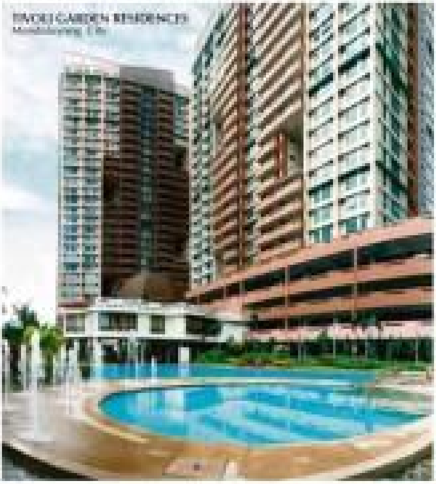
Established in December 24, 1954, DMCI is known as one of the leading construction companies in the country. With DMCI's expertise in the said field, the company decided to enter residential and real estate development in 1999. "There was an underserved market that needed good homes at the right price. We had the resources to match that need, and we knew we can offer the middle-income families with properties that can improve the quality of their lives," says Austria.

Going against the norm, the company builds homes with a tropical resort feel that focuses on open spaces and resort-like amenities with medium to low density. Natural lighting and natural ventilation are major concerns in every development, and the company incorporates first-class home features that the average Filipino can attain. More so, DMCI Homes is involved in community building activities to truly live up to its vision.

Austria continues to share what really fuels DMCI Homes' dreams of creating superior developments. "Everything we do is anchored on that vision of creating healthy communities. We see DMCI Homes not as a business but as a profession. From our corporate culture to the decisions we make for every property, we focus not just on the monetary wealth. The real sense of achievement is from how we get to contribute our skills and talents for the betterment of Filipino lives."



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Alabang



TIVOLI GARDEN RESIDENCES
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CYPRESS TOWERS
Taguig City

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DMCI HOMES
Feels real good to be home
It's not just what we've built.
It's the lives we help build.

BUSINESS

BSP sees banks sustaining profitability in 2011



Other services to offset decline in trading gains



BUSINESS

Joint-venture scheme in PPP backed

Think-tank says enough safety nets exist

Security Bank net profit up 51%

9-month figure hits P3.3B

By Doris C. Dumlao

SECURITY BANK CORP. chalked up P3.3 billion in nine-month net profit, up 51 percent from a year ago, as a triple-digit rise in treasury earnings complemented the growth in net interest income.

This translated to a 22-percent return on equity, consistent with the bank's sustained 22-percent compounded annual growth rate in net income over the past five years.

For the third quarter alone, net profit surged 88 percent to P1.60 billion as the bank generated P1.3 billion in net interest income for the quarter, up 2 percent, while trading and securities gains soared 7,233 percent to P831.87 million from a year ago.

"We are very pleased that we have outperformed our targets. We are confident that we will significantly exceed our net income targets as well as meet analyst expectations for the year," Security Bank president Alber...

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Currencies

November 10, 2010

Lusting for the Big Apple

Biz Buzz

By the staff

MVP ally to head DFA

Banking triumvirate

Social media blues. Again

Three's a crowd



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BUSINESS

Lopez energy unit posts 445% profit jump

EDC net income surges to P7.58B in 9 months







MNTC to refinance ₱12-B debt with cheaper loans

MetroPac unit may also pre-fund 2011 needs

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Stocks seen to rise

One-time gains boost First Holdings' net income

9-month profit up 226% on sale of Meralco stake

By Doris C. Dumlao







Bull market lifts bourse earnings

Doris C. Dumlao

ATRKE income up on insurance sales

Doris C. Dumlao



Business

TV networks in tight 3-way ratings war

GMA 7 says newscast holds primetime lead

By Paolo G. Montecillo

THE RATINGS battle between the country's three major television networks remains tight with new TV5 show "Willing Willie" holding its own against long-running news programs in the same timeslot.

Results of the latest survey by AGB Nielsen showed GMA Network Inc. news program 24 Oras leading the pack with 11.6 ratings points in the Mega Manila area on Nov. 8.

That is better than its rival ABS-CBN's own news show TV Patrol, which had 10.7 ratings points, and TV5's Willing Willie, which had 10.3 points.

The GMA show held on to its lead for the rest of the week with 11.9 points on Tuesday, 13.7 points on Wednesday, 12.8 points on Thursday and 13.2 points on Friday that week.

TV Patrol and Willing Willie switched places several times for the rest of the week. On Tuesday, Willing Willie's 10.2 points trumped TV Patrol's 9.5.

Willing Willie stayed ahead with 10.2 points on Wednesday to TV Patrol's 9.6. On Thursday, Nov. 11, ratings data showed Willing Willie's 11 points beating TV Patrol's 9.9 points. TV Patrol finished the week with 9.5 points over Willing Willie's 9.3 points.

"Our viewers' trust encourages us to deliver better," GMA senior vice-president for news and public affairs Marissa L. Flores said in a statement.

"The Kapuso Network's flagship primetime newscast, hosted by Mike Enriquez and Mel Tiangco—two of the most credible and most respected names in broadcast journalism—consistently rated higher than competing programs on its time slot," GMA Network said in a statement.

Business

S&P hikes credit rating of 2 state power firms

Gov't has key role to play in credit upgrade, says exec

By Michelle V. Remo

STANDARD & POOR'S has raised the credit ratings of the country's two state-owned power companies, believing that the Philippine government's rising dollar reserves will enhance the capability of the two firms to pay their debts.

S&P upgraded the ratings of National Power Corp. (Napocor) and Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (PSALM) by a notch—from "BB-" to "BB," just two notches below investment grade.

Napocor is the biggest power generator in the country while PSALM is in charge of managing the government's power-related assets and liabilities.

"The upgrade [of the ratings] of the entities reflects our opinion that they are almost certain to receive timely and sufficient extraordinary support from the Philippine government in the event of financial distress," Allen Redimerio, credit analyst for S&P, said in a statement.

The upgrade covers both the outstanding and future long-term, foreign currency-denominated debt issuances of Napocor and PSALM.

The outlook given on the ratings is "stable," meaning the ratings are likely to stay the same at least for a year.

Outstanding bond issues of Napocor and PSALM covered by the ratings upgrade include the ¥1.025 billion worth of debt paper due in May 2015, ¥1.777 billion due in December 2019, $380 million due in May 2020, $400 million due in August 2011, $300 million due in November 2016, and $500 million bonds under the medium-

SEE POWER B03

Gov't eyes tariff on rice shipments

By Ronnel W. Domingo

TO GENERATE more revenue, the government is considering the implementation of regular tariffs on rice importations and doing away with tax credits, according to Budget Secretary Florencio B. Abad.

"There is a [standing] proposal to move from quantitative [limits] to actual tariffs on rice," Abad said. "The import quota will be removed."

The proposal is put on the table as a special treatment on rice, which means the continuation of the quota system. The proposal is being weighed against the eventual removal of trade barriers in 2012 under agreements made within the World Trade Organization.

Under the quota system, rice imports are liable to a 40-percent tariff if it falls within a given year's quota, and 50 percent if it goes beyond.

A 10-year differential treatment on rice until June 30, 2005, particularly for the world's developed countries, was laid out in the WTO Agreement on Agriculture.

However, the Philippine government applied for a seven-year extension until 2012, which was granted provided that the government lowers the tariffs on other agricultural products, such as mechanically deboned meats.

In a separate interview, a Finance official said that the National Economic and Development Authority is looking at a 35-percent duty on imported rice.

The official said this posed no problem to the government's fiscal situation because this would mean that the government could actually earn money.

In the current system where the National Food Authority reserves the first right to import rice, supposed revenue on tolerated shipments are paid with tax credits to the

SEE RICE B03

Asian markets plunge on China, eurozone jitters

Oil prices weighed down by firmer dollar, monetary policy in China



Chinese aircraft maker signs deals for 100 passenger jets

Baidu exec: Google China exit comes as no surprise

China plans price controls to tackle food inflation

GM wants to raise IPO ante to $12B



US retail sales increased 1.2% in Oct., highest in 7 months

Republican economists criticize Fed bond plan

Pumping more cash into system may trigger inflation, weaken dollar

US sees drop in credit card delinquencies



Carmakers gearing up for mass market EVs

US foreclosure mess seen to threaten banks

S&P hikes credit rating of 2 …

Gov't eyes tariff on rice shipments

HERO Foundation:

A HERO in all of us

Every year, hundreds of soldiers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) - our Filipino heroes who are defending the democracy and peace and order in our country, are killed in action. These heroes leave behind families and orphans who are suffering due to limited prospects for education and livelihood. These are the men and women that the Help Educate and Rear Orphans (HERO) Foundation would like to pay tribute. The government can only provide limited support because of constraints in the budget and resources. Today, thousands of orphans of these heroes who had sacrificed their lives, are still in need of financial assistance so that they can continue their studies and realize their dream of a brighter future.

This predicament called for the re-birth of the HERO Foundation.

Now undergoing renewed tie-ups and under-takings with various corporations and industry leaders, HERO Foundation aims to provide educational assistance in the form of stipends to children of Filipino soldiers who are killed or permanently incapacitated in the line of duty, adequate enough to help them attain a college degree or certificate in order to give them a competitive chance in finding a rewarding work that can be their source of living for themselves, their families and for the society. Organized since 1988 as a non-profit organization by the late president Corazon Aquino, in collaboration with Don Jaime Zobel de Ayala and a distinguished group of business executives of the country, HERO Foundation has so far helped 2,158 scholars since its launch and 798 of these scholars have successfully graduated from college.

Christian dela Cruz, a doctor, is one of the first scholars of HERO Foundation having been a beneficiary since his high school years in 1989 up to his graduation in medical school in 1997. "I'm very thankful for HERO Foundation for financing my medicine degree. I encourage our fellow Filipinos to help the foundation. This way, we can help a lot of fatherless children to achieve their dreams," says Christian.

Marian Marie Capara, a fellow HERO Foundation scholar and a registered nurse, also has the same words for the foundation. "It's really hard for my mom to raise me alone but through the HERO Foundation I was able to finish my nursing degree."

We call on everyone to be heroes in their own way by helping the HERO Foundation with monetary donations through the HERO Foundation website, in BPI branches and BPI credit card system. Soon, donation boxes shall be made available in selected Ayala Malls.

Through the acquired funds, more and more orphans can be assured of their educational future.

Be a hero to our heroes' children. To know more about HERO Foundation and ways you can help, visit www.herofoundation.com.ph or call (02) 912-0361 / (02) 912-9330.

BUSINESS

Team Energy to put up 3 hydro plants

Facilities to be built in Benguet seen to augment Luzon grid's requirements



MOTORING

Right on Q

Toyota takes bold steps to ensure quality

By Jong Arcayo

CARDS on the table, it wasn't too hard to believe that this automotive giant had all the aces up its sleeve.

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WITH a ton of cameras recording every little detail, an actual test crash: a Toyota Crown Majesta is talking head-on with a Yaris which bears the brunt of the impact. Inset shows a better view of the collision.

Back to the future for BMW in Asia

ON THE ROAD



Aida Sevilla Mendoza





Past and Present

Awesome

Successful

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Much ado about SUVs, crossovers, softroaders

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Crossovers

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Goodyear backs RP drift duo for Formula Drift Thailand



Rich in racing heritage

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Inside the Higashi Fuji Technical Center



Ysmael Baysa, Jollibee's top finance man is this year's ING-Finex CFO of the Year

By Joel V. Pliego

CREDITED by his company for the contribution and the growth successes that he has made, this year's Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines (Finex)-ING Chief Finance Officer of the Year awardee Ysmael Baysa, Jollibee Foods Corp.'s chief financial officer and vice president-corporate finance remains as humble as ever.

"I came from a school and from a university in a small town in one of the provinces of Southern Luzon maybe all of you until now may not have heard of. I began my career reluctantly occupying a humble position also from a small company," he says during the formal announcement honoring him the honor recently.

With this, Baysa has shown that situations in life, no matter how humble, should not stop one from pursuing his dreams and keeping his values intact as well as he climbs up the corporate ladder.

The search aims to identify and honor in prominence among peers the Philippine CFO who possesses the qualities essential to creating wealth in the new economy. Given annually by Finex in cooperation with ING, the general parameters for naming the CFO of the Year are contribution to the significance and stature of the CFO role, contribution to the fulfillment of the strategic objectives of his or her organization, and excellence in the stewardship of his or her organization.

When informed by Finex that he was chosen as the finance man for 2010, he says, "I was overwhelmed with joy and fear because now the staff and the management of Jollibee and the public as well will double their expectations of my performance. I'm left with no choice but to outdo myself."

Baysa is in charge of Jollibee's finance and accounting which includes corporate planning, investor relations, comptrollership, accounting and financial service functions and the finance groups of the strategic business units and geographies. He's also in charge of its legal division.

Prior to his appointment as Jollibee's CFO, he was the senior vice president for financial comptrollership and corporate planning for Unilab for two years. He spent a major part of his career with one of

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Once again, the ING Bank, N.V. Manila and the Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines (ING-FINEX) recognize the outstanding chief financial officer (CFO) who has shown extraordinary skills, ethics and ability to attain, if not surpass industry standards among companies operating and registered in the Philippines.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) is one with ING-FINEX in their desire to uplift industry standards by recognizing and giving utmost honor to the most outstanding of its practitioners.

Therefore, let me take this opportunity to thank ING-FINEX for their continued pursuit of excellence. I am confident that if together the BSP and ING-FINEX remain steadfast in our effort to promote sound corporate governance and improve the quality of professionals in the industry, we can push further towards building a strong economy as well as a sound financial system and a vibrant domestic capital market anchored on excellence, integrity and professionalism.

Congratulations and more power to all the nominees and most especially to the 9th ING-FINEX CFO of the Year for 2010! I know it has not been easy amid the current challenging environment to exercise the strong leadership and communication skills, adaptability, emotional maturity and self-confidence as well as the optimization of resources required to be awarded this recognition. Yet you have succeeded in making crucial decisions to preserve and maintain your company's financial health. May you serve as an inspiration to others so they may follow the same dedicated path in the service of the company and the country!

ARMANDO M. TETANGCO, JR.
Governor
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas



My warmest greetings to the Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines (FINEX) and ING Bank, N.V. Manila as you hold the "9th ING-FINEX CFO of the Year Award 2010" on November 17, 2010.

FINEX has been widely known for its valuable contributions and global expertise in the fields of business and finance. Its pool of well-trained executives and professionals has been instrumental in pushing for policy reforms to further improve the Philippine financial system and to advocating for ethical conduct within its ranks.

We, in the Commission, are one with you in this year's celebration and awarding ceremony for the FINEX CFO of the year. May this award serve as an inspiration to Chief Financial Officers to further strive for excellence in their chosen field of endeavor.

We wish you continued success in your future undertakings.

Mabuhay and more power!

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Chairperson
Securities and Exchange Commission

Ysmael Baysa, Jollibee's top finance man is this year's ING-Finex CFO of the Year

'With the honor bestowed on Baysa, the Finex-ING CFO of the Year Award continues to uphold the tradition of integrity and leadership that will inspire generations of professionals to strive for excellence in the field of finance'

Humble beginnings

Navigating in unknown territory

Awarding Programme



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10 Key Qualities of Successful CFOs

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Holiday Finds at Ace Hardware



Prepare breakfast meals for your family with this Dowell breakfast maker



This ACE tool box will keep your tools properly organized

This Christmas, give your loved ones a gift of home improvement from ACE Hardware, the Helpful Place.

There are gadgets for clean-ups, power tools for fix its, LED lamps for outdoor fun, and MP4's for mobile entertainment. It also has small appliances like coffeemakers, oven toasters, and other items for gracious lifestyles.

And while shopping for your gifts at ACE Hardware, check out its Holiday Party must-haves promotion, which is ongoing until November 30, 2010.

Avail of great savings and discounts on great party stuff like air coolers and electric fans, picnic tables and chairs, as well as small appliances. You can earn rewards points when you use your SM Advantage, Prestige, as well as BDO Rewards Cards.

ACE Hardware stores are located at SM City Novaliches, SM Makati, SM Cubao, Megacenter the Mall in Cabanatuan, SM Hypermarket in Makati, and in all SM Supermalls nationwide. These items are also available at ACE Builders stores at SM City North EDSA, SM City Fairview, and SM City Pampanga.

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LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining







MOSAIC tiles provide accent to swimming pools

For that luxe look—mosaic tiles

By Alex Y. Vergara

Good interiors

Classic look

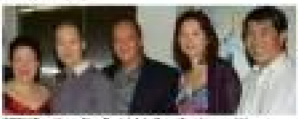


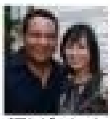

JOYCE de Leon, architect Rufino Papiano and Monetta Guevara


ALL in the Family: Eduardo, Diego, mom Monica Guevara, Dona and their father, talented artist Daniel dela Cruz


SHEILA Romero, Bebieta Aguilar, Trisha Cubias and Sara Bernardo


CHRISTIAN and Agi Tan


BERNIE and Lucy Sim, Daniel dela Cruz, Rochelle and Manny Hechanova


ARP Jack Dennis and wife Margie

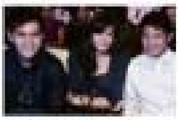

BEVERLY Campos, Roy and Lori Jorge, Janelle Borromeo with husband Matthew Squires, Carol and Ron Jorge, and Monica dela Cruz


DR. Beverly Rosas, Monica dela Cruz, Richard Everingham, Dr. Eduardo dela Cruz, Dr. Christine dela Cruz, Daniel dela Cruz and Dr. Lucinda dela Cruz

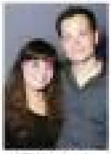

SALLY Martinez, Jenny Chuerk, Cory Quirino, Rosanna Chuerk and Johnny Litton

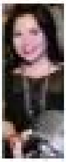
Sculptures on the edge; exclusive degustation for Chilean wine brand


PENSHOPPE'S fashion show: Spring/Summer Collection 2011, "The Art Studio"


PEDRO Miguel Tuteur Vergara, Jeannie Gonzalez and Paolo Boronel

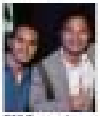

PENSHOPPE brand director Alex Mendoza

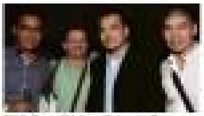

MAITE Matute and Franco Barbero


CIELO Perdon


RAMON Cortez, Maite Rosales and Shirley Toh


RICHARD Dizon and Marlon Schmidt


TOBI Torre and Chella Hidalgo Lusnel


PAUL, Conrad Moldero Balmacio, Darren Strachan Smith, Niel Cruz and Kevin Ko


OBECOMBES manager Jorge Muller, Modern Epicurean kitchen chef Stephanie Zubiri, Chilean Ambassador Roberto Mayorga, Yvonne Loh, Jarbo of Davis Thost GM Prescott Kamut and Philippine Star EVP Brian Glory Go

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



Photos by Allen Van Hagen
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DANIEL DE LA CRUZ, who's known for his bold and unorthodox approach to "vertical sculpting," opened his awesome seventh solo show, "Paragon," at Ayala Museum's ArtistSpace.

Art experts have noted De la Cruz's sculptural skill has produced "some of the most memorable works in the art world in recent years." His first shows "Gun dungeon: A Tribute to Women in Our Lives" and "Paragon" featured the various images of Christ. His next shows "Aking" and "Panatag" presented "the extreme evolution of his sculpted human figures."

Now on his latest show display, De la Cruz has chosen to depict the positive and beneficial outcome of life's many pitfalls.

Gracing the opening ribbon were the guests of honor, Pasig City Mayor Bobby Eusebio with wife Bebe E., GMA SVP Jimmy Duavit and wife Francesca D., GMA marketing head And Bravo, and Manila health and fitness guru Cory Quirino.

Chatting convivially during cocktails were art connoisseurs and collectors such as Jeannie Gonzalez, Miguel Bernardo, Philippine architecture and visual arts icon Leo Calma, banker Ed Bernales and wife Betty, and Ecolab Philippines GM Jack Madrid.

More of Daniel's work can be viewed in his website: www.delacruzsculptures.com.

Chic summer

It's as clear as the blue sky that summer is going to hit us faster than one can bat an eyelash, puhlease, especially now that Penshoppe has just thrown its chic summer collection during Fashion Week.

Last season, it was all about the location high streets. This time, puhlease, Penshoppe has crossed the English Channel and took us to Paris, then on to an exciting summer trip at the chichi Côte d'Azur, then to Marseilles and picture-postcard Avignon, and finally, the sun resorts of sunny Nice.

"Every season is an opportunity to make fashion a statement," says Alex Mendoza, Penshoppe's brand director. "In the true Penshoppe tradition of pushing the limits, we decided to give summer a sophisticated French twist."

Check this out, for men: sleek tailored blazers, plaid long sleeved shirts, cropped khaki jackets, light wrap short shorts, cool checkered Bermudas in pastel green and white; beige shorts with Bermudas and cardigans, tanks and blue T-shirts to show off your great-toned form.

For women: vivid colors of the Cote d'Azur, prints bursting with the sunshine of summer, sail-find tank dresses with chic cocktail white jackets or outfits in sequins, long flowing silhouettes and eye-catching sculpted details with metallic tops, which can go hand in hand with international haute couture brands, puhlease.

"We wanted to make it chic, but at the same time a bit of humorous," said Alex Mendoza, "after all, having fun pretty much sums up summer."

Penshoppe's 2011 summer collection proves the brand has moved from tees and jeans to the more chic look of now!

Toast to Chilean wines

It was a fantastic night devoted to Latin America when our worldly fine-tastebud foodies trooped to an event hosted by one of the biggest names in the Chilean wine industry, Concha y Toro, which hosted an exclusive degustation with its world-renowned Casillero del Diablo in contemporary, puhlease. The event was held at David Thost's Davis.

During cocktail we nibbled on bocas d'amaro by Davis and sipped Casillero del Diablo's Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

The superb five-course menu was crafted by multifaceted chef and food entrepreneur Stephanie Zubiri, no less. It was made specially to pair with Chardonnay, Carmenere and Shiraz.

The first course was with Casillero del Diablo's signature Carmenere. Chilean Ambassador Roberto Mayorga the guest of honor, with Consul Luis Palma and his wife Lara, enjoyed the main course—"Deconstructed Empanada," a deconstructed classic which was covered by a puff pastry shell almost uncovered.

The Casillero del Diablo wines paired well with the richness of the food while we listened to the soft sounds of in-demand saxophonist Doctor Michael Young and pianist Lourdes Gargante.

Guests savored the heavy and Cardamom Pannacotta at the end of the absolutely dream dinner. The supreme wine from the superb Malbec, Casillero, puhlease.

Fragrance

It's the end of the fabulous performing arts season, Gilbert, of Soroka Life in Alabang. The closing concert is "Medici Ladies," a "Decomposed opera" in two acts featuring eight of the country's renowned sopranos singing the arias of opera characters who end up as Medici—from Tosca to Madame Butterfly, Romeo and Juliet, and Carmen and more, puhlease.

The awesome sopranos will be accompanied by 28 talented faculty members of the world-class University of Santo Tomas Symphony Orchestra.

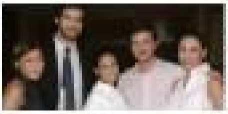
The concert is on Nov. 28, 8 p.m. at the auditorium of Insular Life Alabang. Tickets at P800 and P600 with 50-percent discount for students and 20-percent discount for seniors.

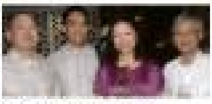
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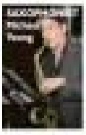

RACHELLE Bernaltos and Lexa McKenzie


JEANETTE Robles and Emile Oliveira


ANDREW Bettinson, Col. Irvin Lim, Yvonne Loh, Prescott Kamut and Sunil Mitra, Samuel Sutlong, Cheng Chung and Queena Mira


MICHELLE Pardo-ramos, Geoffrey Marguerite, Ninoy, Stephanie Zubiri, Jonathan Crespi and Sara Asterl


JONATHAN Sy, Joe Bolabas, Christine Comenero and Ed Jamin


SAXOPHONIST Michael Young


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BISAZZA tiles on the altar of St. John Mary Vianney Church in Makati (left) and a private bathroom.

For that luxe...

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Bisazza's dark-colored mosaic tiles contrasts well with the kitchen's cabinets (bright, solid colors). They also provide a contrast to the predominantly light-colored floor, wall and ceiling.

For the church project, he went for a grained look—darker bottom and lighter top—that also had a "smoky effect," for the altar's ledge and backdrop.

"I only use mosaic tiles sparingly since I believe it's meant to enhance rather than dominate a space," said Sebastian.

The exclusive grout used in installing Bisazza tiles, he added, is much stronger than anything he has come across with on the local market. The brand's tiles also have a reputation for not fading or cracking due to the elements.

Since the brand is relatively expensive, Gutierrez advised users to have a clear idea of where and how they intend to use the tiles.

"Like art, a Bisazza installation should be admired," he said.

Bisazza's Philippine office (tel. 753-8836) offers an extensive range of styles, and it can order more expensive and rare styles from Italy.

The brand is in all Wilcon Home Depot outlets and has showrooms in Makati and Bacoor, Cavite.

Depending on the make and availability, Bisazza tiles cost anywhere from P1,500/sq m for the tiles to as high as P300,000/sq m for the Oro Bis 24-carat gold leaf.

"Technically, Bisazza tiles are made of glass and not ceramics," said Bu Arienza, GM of Bisazza's Philippine office. "Unlike ceramic tiles, ours won't change color even when they get scratched."

"The color of ceramic tiles is basically on top, while those of glass is from top to bottom. Constant exposure to water and the elements won't make them fade or..., said Arienza. And since they're not porous unlike most natural stones, they won't absorb most chemicals and are also impervious to so-called acid rain."

Tried and tested

"They've been tried and tested in extreme weather conditions—from harsh winters in Northern Europe to the desert cities of the Middle East.

"Marketing luxury brands, whether bags or tiles, is all about appealing to the emotions," he said. "Our products are beautiful and durable, but there are people who buy it because of the prestige attached to it."

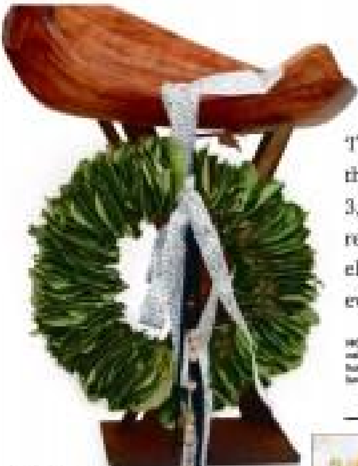


BECOMING popular are tiles with faux metallic sheen and cartoonish and "pixilated" varieties.

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'I've been eyeing the vines from the old rubber tree at Greenbelt 3,' says Margarita Fores who recyles these into aesthetic elements that evoke yuletide joy







Christmas decor from nature's discards













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Richard Poon makes you swoon with "I'll Be Seeing You" album concert

Local Big Band crooner Richard Poon, who has made his mark as one of the country's music stars to watch, brings to you his latest offering, "I'll Be Seeing You" with a live performance on November 26, 2010 at the Atrium of The Block. The performance, which starts at 6 PM, promises to be another night of soulful renditions of local classics and standards from his newest album, injected with Poon's signature tone and style. Expect to swoon in this concert, which will also feature special friends of Richard Poon, at the Atrium of The Block. Brought to you by Hush Puppies and Universal MCA Music, Inc.





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It's clear

They make stunning visual pieces, blend with any kind of design and style, and can easily give a room a de-cluttered look



SIMPLE yet graceful decorative tall clear glass vase by Flourish

THERE'S A decorating tool you may have taken for granted—the clear glass vase.

Clear glass vases make stunning visual pieces and can easily give a room a de-cluttered look.

Marc Gibbons says why they make good décor accents:

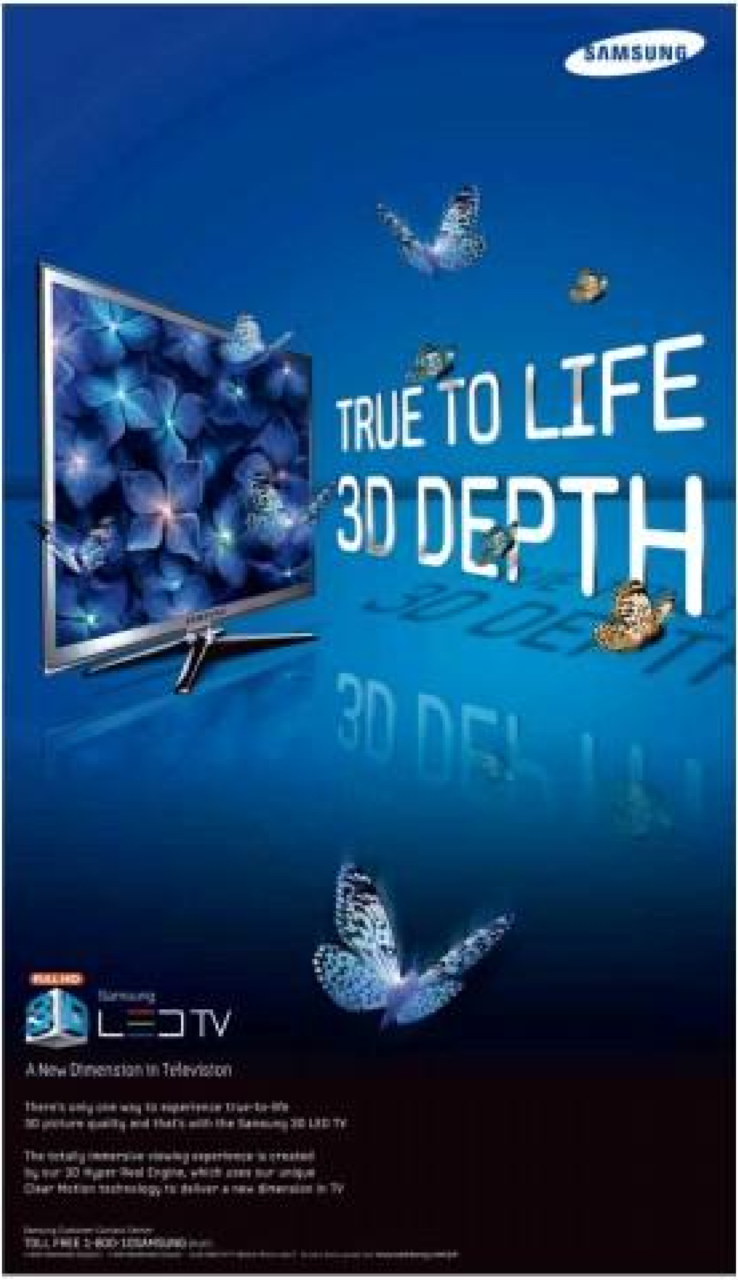
- Vases made from clear glass can easily blend with any kind of design and style you may want to add to your home. It is also a very versatile piece that will fit into any interior design theme.
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- Clear glass vases symbolize purity inside the room and can create a very relaxing ambience.
- Glass vases are available in different designs, styles, shapes and sizes that suit your needs.

The Flourish collection at Our Home has

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SLEEKLY designed clear glass trumpet vase with bubble accent and silver base



GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



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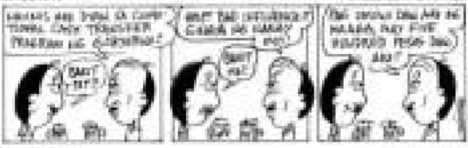


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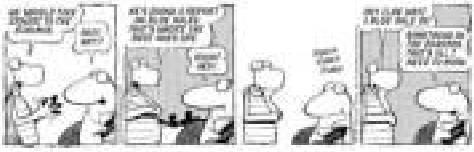


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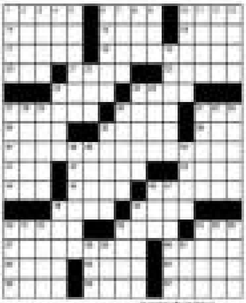
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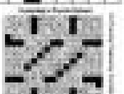
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Difficulty Level ★★★

CROSSWORD PUZZLE







ELEGANT clear glass cylindrical vases with silver decorative tealight holders by Flourish

It's clear

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CLASSIC SHAPED textured glass vases

glass vases in different shapes: from simple squares, circles and cylinders to graceful teardrops, bubbles, hurricanes, apothecary and modern V-designed vases.

Flourish reinforces its leadership in glass making with a collection of glass and glass-like Christmas décor items.

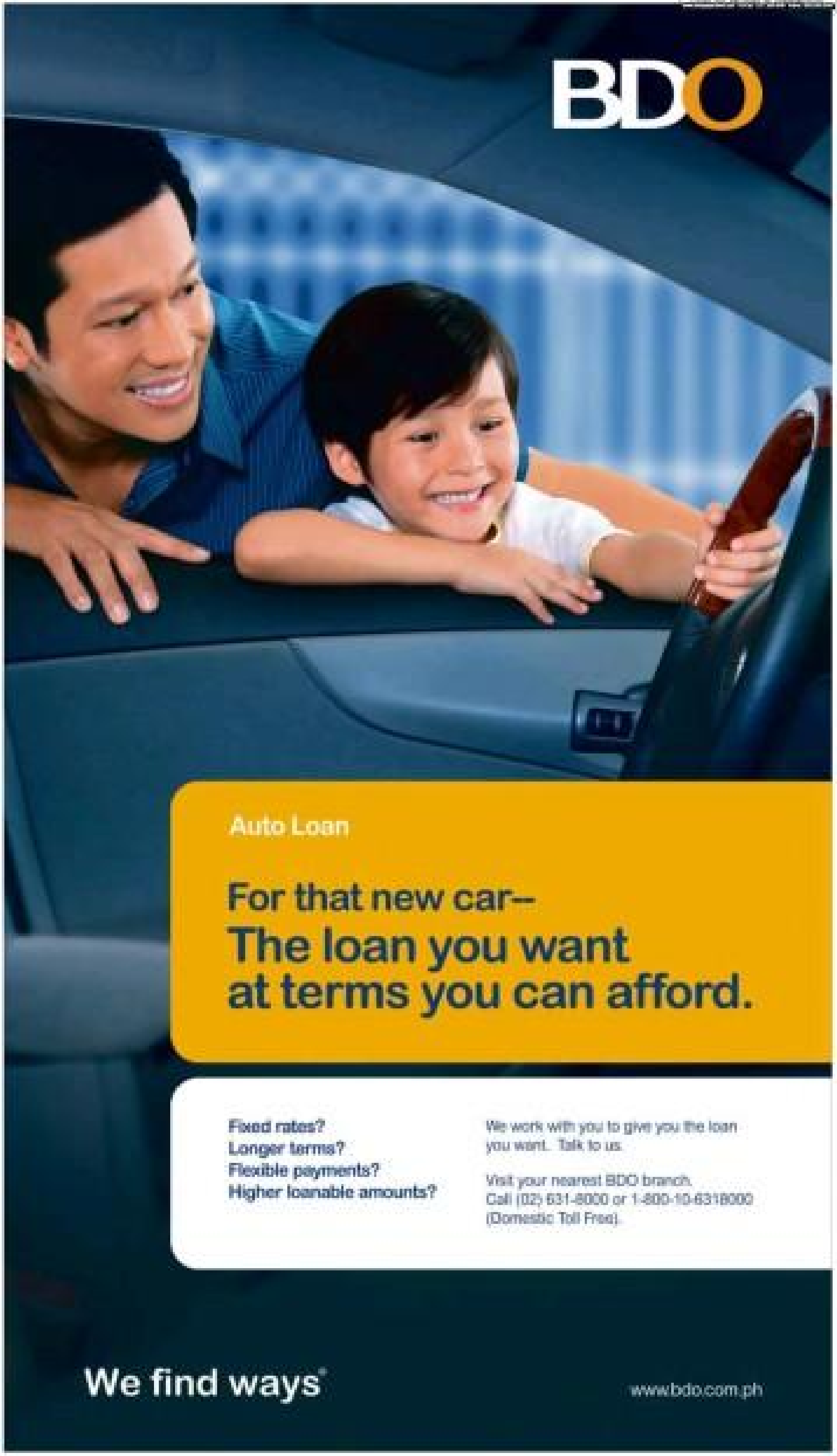
Aside from elegantly designed clear vases, Flourish also has other pieces such as indoor plants, flowers and Christmas décor items available in major Our Home Stores nationwide.







CLOCKWISE from top left: simple yet elegant V-shaped and apothecary vases; long stems and big bouquets in square clear glass vases; accent tabletop and apothecary vases, all glass items by Flourish



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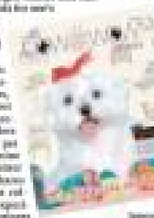
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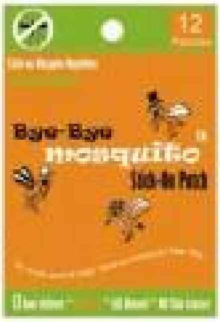




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